

ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil----- 5:00 pm
Sunday----- 8:00 am & 10:30 am

SPIRITUAL CARE OF THE SICK: Please contact the office when a parish member has been admitted to the hospital or has become home bound. Upon request, the Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated and Holy Communion will be brought monthly.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 4:00 - 4:45 pm. At any other time by appointment.

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THE MISSION OF ST. FRANCIS de SALES PARISH

Guided by the gentle spirit and practical teachings of St. Francis de Sales, we strive to "Live Jesus" in our daily lives. We proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the Holy Eucharist, and are nourished through prayer, worship, love, and service to others. Together we are building a community that brings joy to our faith and light to the world, which one day will become the City of God.

BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated during Mass or on Sundays after the 10:30 Mass. Parents are asked to contact the parish office to arrange a time for preparation and to schedule the baptism.

CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST: Each child must have received a full year of religious education at St. Francis prior to beginning the sacramental preparation classes.

MARRIAGE: In order that the requirements for marriage preparation may be fulfilled, couples are to contact the parish office at least six months before the desired wedding date.

NEW MEMBERS: Please register at the office, or pick up a form in the back of the church. We are delighted to welcome you.

WILLS AND DONATIONS: Please consider designating St. Francis de Sales Parish in your last will and testament so that the blessings the



Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, October 29, 2022~31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Theresa Ann Kozak

Sunday, October 30, 2022~31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Mark Hawley

Tuesday, November 1, 2022~ All Saints Day

12:00 Noon Deceased Members of the Okonski Family

7:00 PM Cecelia Hoffmann

Saturday, November 5, 2022~32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Peter Sabinsky

Sunday, November 6, 2022~32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Efrain Rodriguez

10:30 AM Paul Sosna

Pray For Our Sick

Edward Bellina, John Binder, Rosemary C., Mary DeLong, Rick & Wren Dillon, Joseph Disabella, Dennis & Mary Ann Flemming, Mary Fletcher, Judith Goelz, Nicholas M. Headley, Lorraine Held, Karen Houck, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, John Jones, Raymond Kasprovciz, Robert Koch, Leslie Livinghouse, Walter Muir, Joe Noll, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Tom Suchon, Eleana Wilson, Edwin Zeltzer

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, November 5th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Lector:

Sunday, November 6th

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Palm-Rittle Lector:

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector:

Parish Schedule

Thursday, Nov. 3 @ 10am – 12 Noon ~ Adoration

10:00am - Exposition

10:00am – 12 Noon - Adoration.

12 Noon - Mid Day Prayer and Benediction

Sunday, Nov. 6 @ 9 am ~ PREP

Spiritual Thought

Prayer is a secure anchor for those in peril of shipwreck; it is a treasury of immense wealth for those who are poor; it is the most effective medicine for those who are sick; and it is a sure preservative for those who want to keep themselves well.

St. Alphonsus Ligouri

St. Ignatius Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Monday – Friday 6:30 & 8:00 AM

Saturday 8:00 AM

First Friday 7:00 PM

Weekends: Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM;

12 Noon; 5:30 PM

Eucharistic Day of Prayer/Adoration (Chapel)

Tuesdays ~ Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament after 8:00 AM Mass until 10 PM

AND

Wednesdays ~ Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament 6 AM until 7 PM

Evening Prayer & Benediction

Confession: Saturdays: 3:00 – 4:00 PM;



Readings for the Week

Sunday

Wis 11:22 – 12:2; 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

Monday

Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday

Any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead

Thursday

Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10

First Friday

Phil 3:17 – 4:1; Lk 16:1-8

First Saturday

Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5;

Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

Our Return to the Lord

Week of October 23, 2022 ~ \$ 7,676 .00

Maintenance for October ~\$ 2059.78

Mission Sunday ~ \$ 895.00

Hurricane Relief Efforts ~ \$1,150.00

Mission Sunday ~ Thank you for your participation on World Mission Sunday! Through your generous contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, you are Christ's witnesses, building the Church in the Pope's missions around the world, feeding the poor, and aiding the missionaries who are sharing the Gospel worldwide. May God bless you for your compassionate missionary spirit.

THIS Weekend, October 29 & 30, is the 5th Sunday of the month. Therefore, there will be a chance for you to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the Narthex AFTER EACH Mass. Please be generous.

PRIEST CONVOCATION

The priests within the Diocese of Allentown will be attending their yearly priest convocation the week of Monday, November 6 – Friday, November 11.

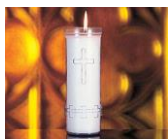
Therefore, there will be **NO DAILY MASS** at St. Ignatius Church or any surrounding parishes in our area.

Seniors of the St. Francis de Sales parish are invited to attend the upcoming St. Ignatius Seniors meeting held on Wednesday, November 2nd @ 9:30 am in the Gym of the Parish School. Our program will be a presentation by Margaret Yevics on the History of your Favorite Christmas Carols. The Book Exchange is open and as always, refreshments will be served.

Any questions, please contact Barb:
610-763-1383.

~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of October 30, 2022
In Loving Memory of Christine Rady



Holy Souls

The church has set aside the month of November to remember the Holy Souls: the great company of the Saints in Heaven as well as the poor suffering souls in Purgatory. Purgatory is still a wondrous teaching of the church. As found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (para. 1030): "From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice. So that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead." We will place our All Souls envelopes on our altar throughout this entire month. At every Mass, we shall remember these deceased loved ones and commend them to God's mercy, peace and glory.

A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated at St. Francis de Sales next **Sunday, November 6th @ 10:30 am.** During this Mass, we remember, in a special way, all the beloved of our parish who have passed away during the year. All are welcome to attend as we commend our recently departed Brothers and Sisters to the mercy and peace of God.

- ✠ Cecelia T. Hoffmann
- ✠ John M. Jones
- ✠ Gerard Paul Leblanc
- ✠ Edward T. Zdravecki
- ✠ Edwin Leo Zeltzer





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Father Maas has been granted permission to enroll members in the Confraternity

There will be an Enrollment
Ceremony immediately following the
7:00 PM Mass on All Saints Day
Nov 1st, 2022 at St. Ignatius Loyola

To sign up, email Father at pmaas@allentowndiocese.org
or contact the Rectory. Open to all Confirmed Catholics.

Enrollment is free. A \$10 donation is welcomed to cover the cost of the Welcome Packet, cord, and medal.

For more information visit
www.angelicwarfareconfraternity.org



Today's reading from the Book of Wisdom is a profound poem that invites us to meditate on the nature of our God.

The poet is attracted to the seeming opposites he finds in God:

- How can the Lord of all creation be so affectionately aware of the most insignificant part of creation?
- How can God's transcendence be so compatible with intimate mercy?
- How can an all-powerful God urge sinners to return to God so patiently?

We heard St. Paul encourage us to remember that the same loving God is bringing to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith in us. We have nothing to fear, even when we think of the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We are to be calm and hopeful in our vigilance, spending ourselves in loving and humble service to one another.

The story of Zacchaeus dramatizes the wonder of God's love and mercy. The crowd is shocked when Jesus calls out to Zaccheus: "Come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." Why would God's favor be shown to a tax collector, an enemy of the people? We were told that Zacchaeus welcomed Jesus with joy and vowed to live justly.

We heard Jesus announce his reason for coming into the world: "I have come to seek and to save what was lost." In the person of Jesus, the God spoken of so eloquently in the Book of Wisdom is present among his creation that he loves.

In Jesus, salvation has come to the house of Zaccheus. The same mercy of God has come to our house. Our God shows us our sins so that we can abandon them and accept Jesus as Savior. As St. Francis de Sales reminds us: "Our sins are the throne of God's mercy." Think about what he is saying. God has chosen to meet us with his love in the most unlikely place: in our sins.

The Scriptures today are inviting us to reflect on the gracious mercy of our God made visible in Jesus. Jesus desires to stay in our sinful house today so that we can experience salvation.

May we welcome him with joy and allow Jesus to transform us ever more into children of our loving and merciful God.

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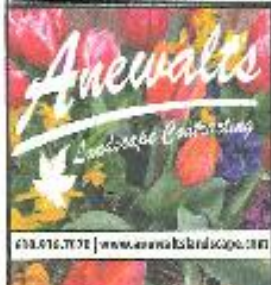
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